

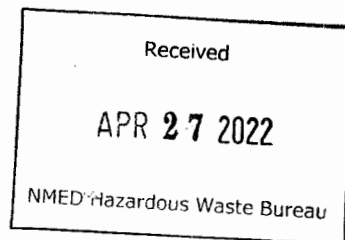


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April 22, 2022

Mr. Kevin Pierard, Chief
New Mexico Environment Department
Hazardous Waste Bureau
2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Response to Approval with Modifications, Natural Attenuation Assessment and Proposed Work Plan for the Hydrocarbon Seep Area
Western Refining Southwest LLC, Gallup Refinery
EPA ID #NMD000333211
HWB-WRG-20-023**

Dear Mr. Pierard:

Attached please find the response to comments contained in the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) above referenced Approval with Modifications letter dated April 5, 2022. A copy of the letter on CD is included.

The document timeline is summarized below:

- Natural Attenuation Assessment and Proposed Workplan for the Hydrocarbon Seep Area, submitted December 15, 2020
- *Disapproval*, received January 26, 2021
- Response to Disapproval, submitted August 27, 2021
- *Approval with Modifications*, received September 28, 2021
- Response to Approval with Modifications, submitted December 21, 2021
- *Approval with Modifications*, received April 5, 2022.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the information contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Moore at (505) 879-7643.



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Sincerely,

Western Refining Southwest LLC, Marathon Gallup Refinery

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ATTACHMENT 1
RESPONSE TO COMMENT

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to Marathon Gallup Refinery (Refinery) Comment Letter “Response to Approval with Modifications – Natural Attenuation Assessment and Proposed Workplan for the Hydrocarbon Seep Area” (April 5, 2022)

NMED Comments	Refinery Responses
<p>Comment 1:</p> <p>In the response to NMED’s Approval with Modifications Comment 4, the Permittee states, “[g]as chromatograph [sic] and electron capture (Method 504.1) is not approved for the [chlorinated volatile organic compounds] CVOCs of interest.” It is not NMED’s intention to suggest that only Method 504.1 should be used to analyze the CVOCs. There are other methods that can be used to separate analytical methods where the dilution of the hydrocarbon constituents is unnecessary and chlorinated compounds can be quantified with greater sensitivity as required by Comment 4. If an alternate analytical method can achieve lower detection limits for the CVOCs of interest, please evaluate the applicability of that method for this investigation and propose to use the analytical method in the response letter.</p>	<p>Response 1:</p> <p>The Refinery will work with Hall Environmental Analysis Laboratory to ensure that samples are only diluted as necessary. United States Environmental Protection Agency approved alternative analytical methods will be evaluated in the 2023 Facility Wide Groundwater Monitoring Work Plan.</p>

ATTACHMENT 2
ELECTRONIC RESPONSE ON CD